GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:261
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2003
UPGRADATION OF DOORDARSHAN KENDRAS
M.V.V.S MURTHI;PUNNULAL MOHALE

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to upgrade transmitters/new DD Kendras in thecountry during the Tenth Five Year Plan particularly in the remote and hilly areas

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether a number of transmitters of Doordarshan are not performing satisfactorily and have failed to give clear reception;

(d) if so, whether a number of T.V. transmitters and AIR centres installed at various places of the country have not started functioning despite being technically ready;

(e) if so, the details and reasons therefor;

(f) the concrete steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard and

(g) the time by which the aforesaid works are likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (g) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 261 REGARDING UPGRADATION OF DOORDARSHAN KENDRAS

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. 14 LPTs/VLPTs have already been upgraded to HPTs so far duringthe 10th Plan (1.4.2002 to 31.7.2003) and schemes for upgradation of 4 studios and 36 transmitters are currently under implementation in various parts of the country, including hilly and remote areas. State wise details of the projects are placed at the Annexure.

(c): Prasar Bharati has informed that transmitters in Doordarshan network,have been functioning satisfactorily. Faults in the equipment are attended to promptly, as and when these occur. It is Doordarshan`s constant endeavour to maintain high standards of transmission.

(d) & (e): 20 Doordarshan and 18 AIR projects aretechnically ready for commissioning and would be commissioned on sanction & availability of staff. The AIR Station atChurachandpur, though technically ready, could not be operationalised, pending a decision on link language.

(f): Prasar Bharati has informed that the proposals for staff sanction are under process and the matter of link language has been taken up with the State Government.

(g): Probable dates of completion of Doordarshan projects under implementation as part of 10th Plan are indicated in the Annexure.